

## City Council, Empirian Village Management Hold Meeting

by Mary Willis Clarke

At the March 17 Greenbelt City Council worksession with Empirian Village management and tenants (see accompanying article), the Greenbelt Police Department and the Department of Planning and Community Development described their units as experienced at the apartment complex.

### Police Efforts

Greenbelt Police Department Captain Thomas Kemp told those at the meeting that 52 percent of crime in the city occurs in Empirian Village. Robberies constitute 70 percent of the crime in Greenbelt, most occurring in Greenbelt West. Kemp feels police department resources are stretched by Empirian Village needs, limiting resources available to the rest of the city. For example, the police department roving car spends most of its time in Empirian Village.

Greenbelt police have implemented bicycle patrols on the extensive interior sidewalk system, which has been very effective. The police have used saturation police patrols there. Kemp re-

ported that his department, using overtime, committed 640 staff hours in a 28-day period to Empirian Village.

### Complaints, Fines

Celia Craze and James Sterling from the Department of Planning and Community Development reported that during 2009, the city levied \$50,000 in fines for violations of housing standards of the city code; all except \$400 of those fines were levied against Empirian Village.

Tenants were calling city code inspectors, they reported, because apartment complex maintenance staff was not responsive. City inspectors found that even city complaints were not addressed in a timely manner. The city code enforcement staff issued citations and fines.

At the end of 2009 there had been so many code violations that the city refused to renew the occupancy license of the apartment complex. Since then, they report there has been some improvement and the number of complaints is

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## Stakeholder Session Is Heated As Tenants Reveal Stories

by Mary Willis Clarke

The Greenbelt City Council held a worksession, a “stakeholders” session, on the topic of Empirian Village on Wednesday, March 17 at the Greenbelt Community Center. Seven members of council were present, along with the Empirian Village management team, tenants, members of the Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee, the Greenbelt Community Relations Advisory Board and interested residents from other areas of the city.

Representing Empirian Village were government relations consultant Michael Arrington, Empirian Village Property Manager Sharon Thames and Senior Vice President Frederic Brinn from the New Jersey corporate offices of the management company.

The Planning and Community Development staff and the police department described their departments’ efforts at the vast apartment complex (see accompanying article). City councilmembers questioned the executives. However, it was the testimonies from Empirian Village residents that painted the most vivid portrait of the current status of this important Greenbelt neighborhood.

### Hot Water Flood

Resident Kerima Cevik spoke to the group at the meeting and also presented a written statement to council. Cevik and her husband have lived in one of the

larger town house units for almost seven years, where they are raising a six-year-old son with severe disabilities. Her story demonstrates that maintenance issues can be much more than just an inconvenience.

Cevik and her husband called Empirian Village maintenance several times because of dampness on the ceiling and walls of their dining room. They were told that it was not a serious leak and the wet spots were painted over.

On October 26, 2009, hot water from a cracked pipe in the upstairs boiler room started to leak down the living room walls. They called emergency maintenance three times before the night shift maintenance worker arrived.

Reaching through the open door of the boiler room to try to find the shut-off valve, the worker hit the hot water pipe and burst it. Hot water flooded the unit. The entire lower floor and part of the upper bedrooms were flooded before a contractor arrived and smashed through a wall to reach the shut-off valve.

Although hot water was pouring through live electrical wires, the night shift maintenance team did not turn off the electrical power. The family lifted their disabled son and left the unit in

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## Women's History Month Profile

# Goddard Scientist Claire Parkinson Documents Polar Ice Is Melting

by Susan Breon

For many people, the image of Antarctica is a cold, forbidding wasteland, etched in their minds by popular movies and television documentaries. For scientist Claire L. Parkinson, a climatologist at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center, it was the lure of just that Antarctic cold and desolation that set her on an exciting and rewarding career path.

Parkinson is an expert in the study of polar sea ice and its connections to the rest of Earth’s climate system and to climate change. She has traveled to the Arctic and to Antarctica. She was one of the first women to go to Antarctica – perhaps the first woman scientist to travel there as part of an expedition that included both men and women.

Dr. Parkinson grew up on Long Island and in Vermont and completed a B.A. degree in theoretical mathematics at Wellesley College in Massachusetts. After completing her B.A., Parkinson was undecided about her future, largely driven by concerns about possible applications of theoretical mathematics.

At this time she decided she would like to go to Antarctica and set out to find a way there. This led to graduate school at the



Claire Parkinson

Institute for Polar Studies at Ohio State University and membership on an Ohio State expedition to Antarctica in December 1973 and January 1974.

Back at Ohio State, she was inspired by a lecture by Warren Washington of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder and realized she could apply her theoretical mathematics background to building computer models of Earth processes. She then approached Dr. Washington with her idea and he hired her for the summer to work at NCAR modeling polar sea ice.

This work then led to a research grant allowing her to work at NCAR for two years developing a sea ice model and writing up the results for her doctoral dissertation. Parkinson completed her degree in geography/climatology in 1977.

Upon graduating from Ohio State and completing her work at NCAR, Parkinson moved to Greenbelt in July 1978 and to begin work at Goddard.

She says she continues to be “thrilled to be part of the agency that has done such cool things,” citing in particular the landing of men on the moon, the Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE) for which the 2006 Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded, the Hubble Space Telescope, the Mars Rovers and the many Earth observations that have formed a large part of her career. Parkinson began her Goddard work analyzing data from the Nimbus 5 satellite. Nimbus 5, launched in 1972, included a detector that measured microwave radiation from the Earth. Originally meant to study rainfall, scientists found they could use this detector to distinguish sea ice from liquid water and even to distinguish “new” sea ice from “old” sea ice because of their different concentrations of salt. The detector, furthermore, provided data under a large variety of conditions since it could see through clouds and in the dark. Suddenly it became possible to track seasonal variations in the ice coverage in both the north and south polar regions.

### Decreasing Ice

Using data from a series of Nimbus and other Earth-observing satellites, by 1989 Parkinson and colleague Don Cavalieri were

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## WMATA Bus Service Changes Are Coming, TRU-G Warns

According to Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-G) major changes are coming to Greenbelt’s bus services provided by the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

WMATA is facing service cuts throughout the region due to projected budget shortfalls in the upcoming fiscal year. Planners have proposed major changes to Greenbelt’s bus service in particular, removing one route (R3), adding new routes (T12 and T14) and making substantial shifts in existing routes (C2, R12 and T16/17). If the plan goes forward, it could mean:

- No more bus service on Edmonston Road in Empirian Village, impacting about 1,500 residents.
- Riders in Greenbelt East (including Greenbriar and vicinity) would see fewer buses, increased travel times to the Orange and Green lines and an earlier last bus at night.
- All MetroAccess riders would experience fare increases and/or significant service cuts.
- Riders on Ora Glen Drive would lose direct service to their nearest Metro station in New Carrollton.
- Riders in Greenbelt Center

would see less frequent service.

- Beltway Plaza would receive less frequent service.
- All area riders would continue without any late-night or Sunday service.

What concerned riders can do:

- Read the proposed changes (in PDF format) at <http://bit.ly/9l1arri>
  - Sign the “Fair Share for Metro” petition at [www.fairshareformetro.com](http://www.fairshareformetro.com)
  - Speak at the Metro hearing on Monday, March 29 at 7 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 5120 Whitfield Chapel Road in Lanham. Register ahead of time by sending name, address and phone number to public-hearing-testimony@wmata.com. For shuttle service from the Greenbelt Municipal Building call Terri Hruby at 301-345-5417 or [trh@greenbelt.gov](mailto:trh@greenbelt.gov).
  - Attend the next Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-G) meeting from noon to 2 p.m. on April 3 in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114.
  - Join TRU-G’s listserv by emailing [trugee-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:trugee-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)
- For questions email TRU-G at [trugreenbelt@gmail.com](mailto:trugreenbelt@gmail.com).

## What Goes On

**Saturday, March 27**

**9 a.m. to noon**, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between the Municipal Building and Community Center  
**8:30 to 9:30 p.m.**, Earth Hour – Turn off lights and join GreenACES in activities. At 8:15 take a flashlight and then walk around Historic Greenbelt.

**Wednesday, March 31**

**7:30 p.m.**, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Community Center, Senior Lounge, Room 111  
**Saturday, April 3**  
**1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**, Annual Egg Hunt and Artful Afternoon, Community Center



### Our Neighbors

Condolences to the family and friends of Henry “Hank” Hartwick of Research Road, who died March 18, 2010.

We were sorry to learn of the death of pioneer Greenbelter, Patricia Ann (Bell) Good, of Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., who died March 12, 2010, at the age of 82. The Bells were original residents of 6-R Ridge Road. Pat was a 1945 graduate of Greenbelt High School and a star on the girls’ basketball team.

Our sympathy to the Grady and Buemi families on the death of 16-year-old Caitlin Buemi in Foley, Ala.

Condolences to News Review staffer Linda Paul on the death three weeks ago of her cousin, Juanita Peters, for whom she cared during her final illness.

**Congratulations to:**

- Greenbelt super swimmer, Michael Stevens (featured on the front page March 4), who has qualified to compete in the Junior Olympics in New York during spring break. We wish Michael every success in the Webster, N.Y., competition. According to his coach, last weekend he swept all three backstroke events and tied as high point runner up in the 11 to 12 age group at the weekend Junior Olympic meet held at Fairland. His times in the 50, 100 and 200 backstroke had him ranked second, third and ninth in the nation as of last weekend.
- Greg Bistany of Boxwood, who received a B.S. degree in business administration from Frostburg State University in January. Greg played on the varsity soccer team throughout his four years and was captain of the team in his senior year.
- David Alexander, of the Greenbelt NTL Advanced Toastmasters Club, who took regional first place on March 18 in the Area 44 International Speech contest for his speech “Where is the Real Magic?” He will advance to the Division level contest in Silver Spring in mid-April.
- Greenbelt physician David S. Granite, M.D., who has completed 150 hours of continuing medical education requirements to retain membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians, the only medical specialty organization devoted solely to primary care.
- Magnolia Elementary School, on winning its first ever Science Bowl championship on Friday, March 19. Prince George’s County Public Schools hosted its 24th Annual Science Bowl competition in the school system TV96/38 studios at the Bonnie F. Johns Educational Media Center in Landover.
- Four elementary school teams competed in the finals from an original 40 teams who began the competition process in September including teams from Berwyn Heights, Glenarden Woods, Magnolia and Northview Elementary Schools vying for the championship. The winning Magnolia team, coached by teacher Robert Allen, included Madison Maragliano, Kortez Logan, Kristen Beauchamp, Assiatu Bantama, Kevin Hedge-man and Jordan Love.
- To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland



## City’s Egg Hunt and Artful Afternoon to Roll April 3

This year, in a big switch from the usual days, Artful Afternoon and the city Egg Hunt for children will both be held on Saturday, April 3 from 1 to 4 p.m.

This year the Egg Hunt will be held, rain or shine, at the Greenbelt Community Center in conjunction with April’s Saturday Artful Afternoon. There will be a full afternoon of fun for all ages including photo opportunities with the bunny, hands-on crafts, a colorful Indian dance performance and more.

The annual Egg Hunt will lead off the activities. Children ages 18 months through sixth grade are welcome to participate, free of charge. The hunt begins promptly at 1 p.m. on the Community Center front lawn. (Rain location: Community Center gym.) Participants should bring their own basket and parents are reminded not to forget a camera for photos with the bunny!

### Crafts Workshop

From 1 to 3 p.m., all ages are invited to make cloth fairies and Manga elves in a free hands-on workshop. This activity is led by Celestine Ranney-Howes, an artist-in-residence at the Community Center who specializes in art quilts, fabric vessels and costume design.

### Indian Dance

At 3 p.m., there will be a free performance of “Katha: Tales from India” in the Community Center gym. Featured artists The Spilling Ink Project weave memorable tales from folklore and mythology through traditional South Indian dance.

This show is suitable for all ages.

Immediately prior to the performance, winners will be announced for this month’s free theater ticket drawing. Enter by 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 3. One winner will receive tickets to see “Shadow Boxer,” the world premiere of a new American opera based on the life of legendary prize fighter Joe Louis at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Another winner will receive tickets to a show of their choice at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

From 1 to 4 p.m., visit the nine Community Center artists’ upstairs studios where works in ceramics, fiber arts, cut paper, illustration, painting and more are shown and available for purchase. The Community Center gallery will be open, displaying “Feeder: Sculpture by David D’Orio,” whose newest glass and mixed media creations interweave “the ironic, the absurd, the humorous and the iconic.”

Guided tours of the Greenbelt Museum’s historic home are available from 1 to 5 p.m. for a nominal fee or free with museum membership. Learn about the history of Greenbelt and city life in the 1930s and ’40s. The home is located across the street from the Community Center at 10-B Crescent Road. Tours include an introductory film and there is a gift shop with treasures for all ages.

For more information about City of Greenbelt arts programs, visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or call 301-397-2208.



The Spilling Ink Project performs folktales in traditional South Indian classical dance at 3 p.m. during the April Artful Afternoon on Saturday, April 3.

## Tree Talk and Tour On Cherry Trees

At the National Arboretum on Sunday, March 28 from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Dr. Margaret Pooler, a National Arboretum research geneticist, will lead a free program on Creating Diversity in Flowering Cherries.

This is the story of how flowering cherry trees came to be Washington’s celebrated symbol of spring. She will then share a behind-the-scenes look at how arboretum scientists have created new varieties of flowering cherries with improved qualities such as size, shape and flower color. A brief walking tour of some of the trees at the Arboretum will follow the talk.

Registration is required – call 202-245-4521.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF MAR. 26

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#### Saturday

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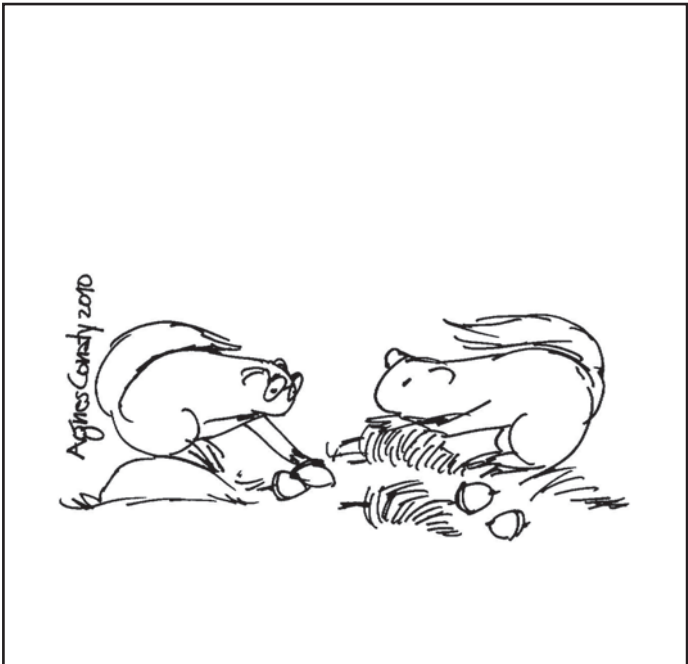
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## Grin Belt



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## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for March 29 through April 2 will be:

Monday – Grape juice, fried chicken legs, baked potato with sour cream, vegetable medley, fruit sherbet.

Tuesday – Orange juice, turkey stew with vegetables, brown rice, broccoli, brownie.

Wednesday – Navy bean soup, Italian sausage with onions and green peppers with mustard and relish on a roll, candied sweet potatoes, winter mix, fruit cocktail.

Thursday – Creamy broccoli soup, Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, California blend vegetables, banana pudding.

Friday – Cranapple juice, seafood pasta salad, sliced beets with onions, garden salad, strawberry parfait.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



Community Events

**At the Library**  
**Storytimes**  
The Greenbelt Library’s regular Storytime sessions have been temporarily suspended because items are being packed up for the library renovation.

**GHI Notes**  
Thursday, March 25, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room  
Saturday, March 27, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room  
Monday, March 29, 7 p.m., Board Mini-Retreat – Board Room  
Wednesday, March 31, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee – GHI Lobby  
Friday, April 2, Offices closed (emergency maintenance available, call 301-474-6011)  
Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

**Explore Vision Loss And Advocacy**  
On Friday, March 26 at 1 p.m., Explorations Unlimited will feature a presentation by Michelle Slaughter Clark on vision loss and advocacy.

Clark will share her experience in dealing with her own vision loss five years ago due to a neurological disorder, which led to her affiliation with the National Federation of the Blind. She is a federation member-at-large for the D.C. area and president of the National Harbor Chapter in Maryland.  
Clark, a native Washingtonian, has lived in Prince George’s County for more than 25 years. She has a BA in speech and hearing from the University of Pittsburgh and an MS in management information systems from Bowie State University. She is an owner of In Sight, In Touch and is also a Gospel singer who loves to sing.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, room 114. Everyone is welcome and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

**Caregiver Support Group Time Change**  
To address scheduling challenges for caregivers that has reduced attendance at the GAIL Program’s Caregiver Support Group, the day and time for the meeting has been changed to better meet the work and/or caregiving needs of participants. Meetings will now be held on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. in the Council Room at the Municipal Building.  
Led by Geriatric Case Manager and Counselor Julia Frank, the next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 14 at 6:15 p.m.

**Postal Services Available**  
Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Potomac Watershed Cleanup April 10**  
What do a diving board, phonograph, pogo stick and 889 tires have in common? They have all been pulled out of the Potomac River Watershed in the last few years.

Whether it is for community service hours, a merit badge or just to get dirty hands for a good cause, join the Alice Ferguson Foundation’s 22nd Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup on Saturday, April 10. Thousands of volunteers of all ages will work together to pick up trash from different cleanup sites around the region, rain or shine.  
Join a group at Greenbelt Park from 9 a.m. until noon. Participants will meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area, then disperse to areas of cleanup.

Greenbelt Park is one of 300 sites along the Potomac River watershed. Other sites can be found by visiting [www.Potomac-Cleanup.org](http://www.Potomac-Cleanup.org).  
Come rain or shine, wear appropriate clothing and bring work gloves. For more information or to RSVP call Ranger Alford at 301-344-3944.

**Mamas & Papas Meet Every Wednesday**  
Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Greenbelt Mamas and Papas, a group of parents of newborns to school-age children, meets at the playground opposite the library on Crescent Road. That site has a large, shady playground with slides, climbing apparatus and a picnic table. Participants should bring a brown bag lunch.

The inclement weather meeting site is in the Multipurpose Room at the Greenbelt Youth Center, which is equipped with mats, toys, balls, etc.  
The group gathers for play, fun, fellowship, socialization and community building for the parents and their children. They also plan weekly playdates, clothing swaps and field trips and are currently working on starting a babysitter exchange service. They also have a Yahoo discussion group. To join, email a request to [mamasandpapas-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:mamasandpapas-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). New members are welcome.  
For more information visit [www.greenbelt.com/mamasandpapas/index.html](http://www.greenbelt.com/mamasandpapas/index.html).

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**Kojo Nnamdi Show Comes to Greenbelt**  
The radio station WAMU 88.5 Kojo Nnamdi Show conducts live community-based broadcast visits where participants can ask questions, make comments and share the view from their neighborhoods. The show is to be taped in the evening and then aired the next day at the regular time – noon.  
Nnamdi will be coming to the Greenbelt Community Center on Tuesday, April 20. The doors open at 6:15 p.m. with the discussion taking place from 7 to 9 p.m. Participants are asked to bring their questions or issues to the broadcast.

**Golden Age Club**  
by Bunny Fitzgerald  
Spring has sprung and the Golden Age Club is busy with spring plans. Be sure to sign up for the Anniversary Luncheon on April 16. The deadline is April 7 and dues must be paid up at that time. We’re looking forward to some of the city council and other guests being with us.

Michael Crane will speak on the History of Alaska on March 31.  
We join Greenbelt with our condolences to the family of Ed Birner. He was a much respected and loved member of our community for many years and will always be remembered.

Enjoy all the beautiful flowers and trees here in Greenbelt – after all that snow, Mother Nature’s gift to all of us – the beauty of spring.

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**Upcoming Events At New Deal Café**  
Every Thursday pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies from noon to 2 p.m. This Thursday, March 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. “witty and tuneful” singer Julie Kehrl and Keith Thorne on bass guitar will host the Songwriters Association of Washington monthly open microphone night to showcase talented songwriters.

On Friday, March 26 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. pianist John Guernsey will play jazz, blues and ragtime (every Friday and Saturday). Ren Rick follows from 8 to 11 p.m. brightening the night with folk rock. Saturday features classical guitarist Bruce Krittr from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by Joseph Stich and the Outer Fringe playing blues from 8 to 11 p.m. The Sunday, March 28 line up starts with Jim Stimson playing Renaissance lute from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by The Hot Noodles’ notion of folk/Americana/pop music from 5 to 8 p.m.

**Next Week**  
Songwriter Molly Griest performs from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30. April Fool’s Day, Thursday, April 1 brings the weekly open microphone night for music, poetry or prose from 7 to 9 p.m. On Friday, April 2 from 8 to 10 p.m. The Galt Line entertains with roots/Americana/Indie music, followed by the Café’s own The Nice Trys adding their notion of the same music genres. Saturday, April 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be TV John’s cabaret show. Morrigan caps off the week with a CD release party on Saturday evening from 8 to 11 p.m. with original songs plus classic rock, country and pop and the new CD at half price.  
For more information call Chef Karim Kmaiha at 301-474-5642 or visit [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com).

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Seniors: \$6.50  
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Week of MAR. 26

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Our Family Wedding, PG-13  
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Diary of a Wimpy Kid, PG-13 (!)  
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How to Train Your Dragon, PG (!)  
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The Bounty Hunter, PG-13  
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Clash of the Titans, PG  
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Greenbelt Arts Center



123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770  
<http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org>  
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The Fantasy Continues This Week!

Man of La Mancha

March 26 & 27, April 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 & 10 at 8 PM

Sunday Matinees: March 28 & April 4 at 3 PM

Tickets are \$18 general admission, and \$15 for seniors and students.

COMING SOON:  
Fred & Frieda – April 15-18, 2010. Directed by Sheilah Crossley-Cox

Call for Reservations at 301.441.8770



# Obituaries

## Caitlin A. Buemi

Caitlin Alexandra Buemi, 16, died on Sunday, March 7, 2010, in Foley, Ala. The daughter of former Greenbelters Niki and Timmy Grady, she was born in Greenbelt.



She is survived by her parents, a sister, Erin, a brother, Dalton; and grandparents Charles and Norma Buemi, Karen Grady and Tim Grady, Sr.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 27 at 11 a.m. at Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road.

## Henry J. Hartwick

Henry J. Hartwick (Hank), 65, of Research Road, died of a heart attack on Thursday, March 18, 2010.



Mr. Hartwick had lived in Greenbelt since 1970 and in Old Greenbelt since 1976. He had worked as a contractor in Vietnam and other places.

Although handicapped, he was able to contribute a lot to his household, helping his wife Debbie in many ways so that she could go ahead with her work.

He walked the dog using his wheelchair. At night he used a pup light and a flashlight.

Mr. Hartwick did many things in the court where he lived and enjoyed talking to his friends and neighbors there.

His brother Michael R. Hartwick preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife Deborah of the home address, daughters Karen A. Tozzolo and her husband Tony and Jessica Hartwick and her husband Derek Skaggs; sister Anna M. Ganassa and her husband Robert; grandchildren Brianna, Taylor, Avery and Von; and many other relatives and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on Tuesday, March 23. Interment was in the Greenbelt City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Children's Hospital Foundation, 111 Michigan Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20010.

Arrangements were by Borgwardt Funeral Home.



### Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION  
TOPIC: Preparation for Holy Week

SATURDAY, MARCH 27  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Bag lunch, coffee and tea provided

SEDER AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
Thursday, April 1  
6:30 p.m. (Pot Luck)

ALL ARE INVITED

### In Memoriam

## James "Shorty" Magrum

Shorty Magrum died at his home in Crofton on February 22, 2010. He was 70 years old. He was most definitely a Greenbelt boy and grew up on Laurel Hill Road. Everyone knew him as Shorty. In fact, at a gathering at Sir Walter Raleigh's after the funeral, many of the attendees confessed they did not know Shorty's formal first name. Shorty married a Greenbelt girl, Erica Herling. She always called him "Jimmie," even at the gathering when I spoke to her. Although they divorced in 1989, Erica had no harsh words or feelings toward Shorty. Indeed, her sister and brother attended the service as well. Shorty and Erica

had one son, Bryan, of whom Shorty was very proud if you judge from the photos that were posted for viewing. Bryan and his wife Sophia provided Shorty with two grandchildren: Joseph (Joey) and Alexandra (Lexie). Shorty is survived by two brothers, William and Mike, and a sister Janet Haun, as well as nieces and nephews.

I spoke to Mike, whom I have known since high school days. He said the family was still adjusting to the shock of Shorty's death. He noted that Shorty had gone to shovel snow for his sister after the recent storms.

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### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors

www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10:00am. Friendship Dinner every second Sunday after the service (pot luck covered dish).  
Breakfast with pastor every 4th Sunday at 8:30 am

### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church



3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



March 28, 10 a.m.

"Liberation" by Rev. Diane Teichert with Tish Hall, worship associate  
The recent Supreme Court decision regarding the rights of corporations comes to mind as the liberation story of Passover will be retold on the 140th anniversary of the 15th Amendment.

Rely upon God. Trust in Him. Praise Him, and call Him continually to mind. He verily turneth trouble into ease, and sorrow into solace, and toil into utter peace. He verily hath dominion over all things. (Abdu'l-Baha)



Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

1-800-22-UNITE

301-345-2918

Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com

www.bahai.us



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday – March 28

8:15 & 10:30 Blessing and Distribution of Palms

Holy Thursday – April 1

Services at 12:15 & 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday – April 2

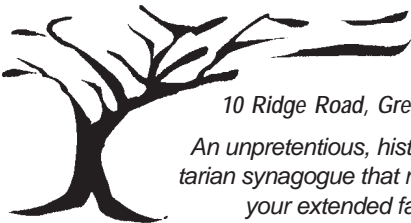
Services at 12:15 & 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 4

Festive Service of Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.

Easter reception following service  
with Easter Egg Hunt

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An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

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Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.

Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program.

Opportunity for leadership development.

Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors.

Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities.

Interfaith families are welcome.

## Berwyn Presbyterian Church

6301 Greenbelt Rd. 301-474-7573



Holy week services:

Palm Sunday March 28 – 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday April 1 – 6:30 pm

Good Friday April 2 – 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday April 4 – 11:00 am

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## ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads

Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

www.greenbeltucc.org

Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."



Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road

Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212

www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday

9:45 am

Sunday School

Sunday

11:00 am

Worship Service

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

## St. George's Episcopal Church

Join us around a table where all are welcome!



St. George's Church – Glenn Dale Parish Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday Service, March 28, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.;

Tenebrae, Wednesday March 31, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.;

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.;

Good Friday, April 2, 2010 at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.;

Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday April 3, 2010 at 8:30 p.m.; and

Easter Sunday Service, April 4, 2010 at 8 a.m., and 10 a.m.

St. George's is located at 7010 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale, Md. 20769

Please call the church office for additional information at 301-262-3285.

7010 Glenn Dale Road | Glenn Dale, Md. 20769

(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)

301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org



## Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning! Coffee and Snacks  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship  
Pastor Nigel C. Black, MDiv.

99 Centerway Greenbelt Rec Center  
(Behind the Community Center)

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Shorty kept his family close to his heart. He had complained of chest pains, so he went to the doctor. The doctor had run an EKG and some other tests and pronounced Shorty fit but he died the next day.

Also attending the funeral and the gathering afterward were Donnie Dorsey, Sr., and his brother Leigh as well as his sister Shirley. I know the family well. The Dorsey family moved into Greenbelt in 1953 and lived in the 13 Court of Hillside. Donnie met Shorty almost immediately because Shorty had to cross the top of Donnie's court on his way to The Center (Roosevelt). They remained close friends until Shorty's death. Donnie noted that he shared so many times with Shorty that he didn't know where to begin telling stories. He liked the Baltimore Colts and Shorty liked the Redskins so

they argued about that, of course. And when they rode together in Donnie's car (he got a car first), Donnie liked the window down and Shorty complained of being cold. Donnie said Shorty had a hard time keeping his mouth closed. If something seemed odd or out-of-place to him, he would express it. I know this to be true. I knew Shorty – played cards with him for a time in the 1980s when he was married to Erica. Shorty's short, laughing comments led to more than a few fights with people who crossed his path, much to the consternation of the friends he was with.

Shorty had a rather pronounced limp acquired from a bout with polio in his childhood. Donnie said that this condition did not keep Shorty from trying new things. He remembered a particular Saturday when he and

Shorty and Buddy Moore rode into Greenbelt on horses. He also remembered that he and Shorty had stayed true friends through thick and thin. Shorty came through for me once in an incident in my younger days, so I certainly can attest to his support. In his later years, Shorty owned a boat. He liked to be called Captain Jimmie, according to Bryan. Being somewhat short and suffering from a limp led to some hardships for Shorty, I'm sure. I think he really just wanted to be regular guy, a good brother and a good father and grandfather. Well Captain Jimmie, you accomplished that! I, and others who marked your passing, will remember your deep voice rising not much above a mumble with some humorous remark about the everyday life that you lived to the fullest.

– Rick Ransom




PHOTO BY MARY MOJEN

The city lost many trees to the recent snow storms (more than two dozen on Crescent Road alone). Now the water-logged ground and rainy weekend are combining to take another toll. This large evergreen tree toppled over in the playground between 45 Ridge and 6 Hillside on March 13.

American Legion Post 217  
College Park  
**Shrimp Feast**  
April 11 • 2 to 5 p.m.  
**Call 301-441-2783**  
for details



# City Information



CITY OF GREENBELT  
**ANNUAL EGG HUNT**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD  
1:00 p.m.  
GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

Ages 18 months-6th grade  
Bring your camera for photos with the bunny!  
**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION!**  
This year the Egg Hunt will be part of the ARTFUL AFTERNOON! Come out and enjoy arts and crafts and the Spilling Ink Project, memorable tales from Indian folklore.  
For more information call 301-397-2208.



Join the City of Greenbelt for  
**EARTH HOUR**  
Saturday, March 27th  
8:30-9:30pm


Help us make a statement. Turn off your lights for this one hour and join the Green ACES in these activities...

Meet at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road at 8:15pm to lower the flags and watch the lights turn off! Then either...

**TAKE A FLASHLIGHT WALK AROUND HISTORIC GREENBELT or...**  
**ENJOY SOME STORYTELLING AT THE GREENBELT YOUTH CENTER, 99 CENTERWAY.**

For more information on the City of Greenbelt Earth Hour events email [lrubles@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:lrubles@greenbeltmd.gov) or call 240-542-2153. For more information on Earth Hour, visit [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org).

**3 DAY SKATE PARK TOUR**  
Wednesday, March 31-Friday, April 2  
10:00am-5:00pm  
For ages 12-16 years old  
Residents: \$100 Non-Residents: \$120




Join Greenbelt Recreation skatepark instructor, Beau Sigrist in touring some of the best skateparks in the area. A different park every day. The group will leave the Youth Center each day at 10am and return by 5pm. Designed for intermediate skateboarders.  
For more information, call 301-397-2200.

**MEETINGS FOR MARCH 27-31**

Wednesday, March 31 at 7:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, at the Community Center, in the Senior Lounge (room 111).

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).*



Help out the Greenbelt community - complete your Census 2010 Questionnaire!

**THE CENSUS IS A COUNT OF EVERYONE RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES — CITIZENS AND NON-CITIZENS.**

The 2010 Census Questionnaire is Easy, Important and Safe. With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages and races of everyone living in the household. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

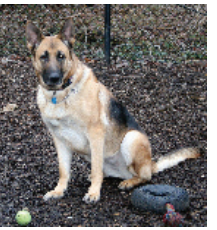


**We're asking all of America to "Take 10 Minutes" to complete and mail back their 2010 Census Forms.**

**To see how Greenbelt did in 2000. Visit the real time map at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/>**

-- Let's do even better in 2010!

**ANIMAL SHELTER FEATURED PETS**  
**CONGRATULATIONS TO: Tony, Tom, Snowball and Chubs on their adoptions.**

**Hank:** Orange and white male. 8 years old.(top left)  
**Frosty:** Beautiful White and Gray female around 2 years old.  
**Lex:** 5 year old male tiger stripe. (top right)  
**Autumn:** 3 year old Female German Shepherd. Loves people and kids.  
**The shelter also has FREE Guinea Pigs with cages available!**



Become a fan of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook! The Greenbelt Animal Shelter is located behind the Police Station at 550-A Crescent Road, is open on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124. Thank you to all for your donations. The shelter is in need of canned cat food – Friskies preferred!  
Please drop off donations at the shelter.

Visit Greenbelt CityLink at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) for city news, information and events. Become a fan of the City of Greenbelt page on FACEBOOK! Follow us on Twitter!

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Board.

For more info call 301-474-8000.

**THERE ARE STILL SOME OPENINGS IN SPRING CAMP!**

**THE CAMPS PROGRAMS BROCHURE FOR 2010 IS POSTED AT WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV.**

Registration is ongoing. Download the camp brochure and forms now and secure your child's spot in the City's very popular programs.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A HARD COPY OF THE BROCHURE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECREATION BUSINESS OFFICE AT 301-397-2200.

**DONATION DROP-OFF**

American Rescue Workers  
Saturday, March 27, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.  
Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center  
Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

THE POSTAL FACILITY LOCATED IN THE GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED FROM SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd THRU SATURDAY, APRIL 10th.



## Solar Panels Catch Fire



Firefighters remove several solar panels from the roof of a house on Maplewood Court Saturday afternoon. The series of panels had caught fire. Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control within minutes of arriving on the scene with no intrusion into the home. No one was injured and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

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Claire Parkinson is shown on the ice during one of her expeditions to the Arctic.

able to establish that the Arctic ice was trending to decrease. A decade later, Parkinson and her Goddard colleagues published another paper showing that the trend was continuing.

At the same time, another group of scientists also reported that the thickness of the Arctic ice, as determined from submarine data, was decreasing. The resulting discussion of these findings and their implications to understanding climate change continue to this day. Parkinson is particularly hopeful about the possibilities demonstrated by the data from the Ice, Cloud and land Elevation Satellite (ICESat), launched in 2003, and which used a laser to measure the topography of the ice. For the first time, scientists could measure from space the thickness of polar ice as well as its extent.

Parkinson has written or co-written 10 books and dozens of scientific articles. Her books range from a classic textbook on climate modeling, written with Warren Washington, to edited volumes such as *Our Changing Planet: The View From Space* and the singly-authored *Earth From Above: Using Color-Coded Satellite Images to Examine the Global Environment* shows the richness and variety of information about Earth that has been obtained from satellites.

Parkinson has also published a history of western science from 1202 to 1930. She is fascinated by the whole endeavor of science

to understand things about the world that are not intuitive.

She points to all that is known about the history of the Earth even though humans arrived on the scene only recently. She is concerned that the current dialog on climate has become too polarized and that the popularity of extreme positions is crowding out more moderate scientific debate.

**Aqua Satellite**

In addition to her research on polar ice, Parkinson serves as Project Scientist for the Aqua Satellite, one in a series of Earth-observing satellites intended to provide comprehensive data sets of Earth's climate systems. Aqua, as the name implies, is focused on observations of water, particularly water vapor, liquid water in the oceans, sea ice, land ice and soil moisture. As Project Scientist, Parkinson represents the community of scientists in making decisions about the operation of the satellite.

Despite her busy schedule, Parkinson makes time for organizations and activities in her Greenbelt community. She is a member of the Greenbelt Astronomy Club and contributed to the construction of the Northway observatory. She brought her expertise to the Greenbelt Town Hall Meeting on Global Warming held in 2007.

Parkinson takes time to encourage students to consider a career in science and has given talks at several area schools including Eleanor Roosevelt and DuVal High Schools and St. Hugh's School. She was a judge at the Roosevelt Science Fair. She is particularly interested in showing girls and minority students that it is possible for them to become scientists. Her enthusiasm for her work is contagious.

Parkinson has lived in Greenbelt since 1978, most of the time in Windsor Green.

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down. The city has provisionally renewed the occupancy permit, and four city inspectors are beginning this year's annual inspection process.

**Response to City**

Empirian Village has committed to a 48- to 72-hour response time to routine maintenance requests with repairs to be completed within 14 days. As of March 1, management established proactive maintenance teams to be responsible for defined areas. Management expects improvements to be noticeable "curbside" within 90 days.

Empirian Village property manager Sharon Thames said there had been 1,000 code violations outstanding when the current owners bought the property. An intensive maintenance effort brought the number of unaddressed code violations down to 10. When the initial corporate "fixer" went back to corporate headquarters, two replacements in succession were not capable of doing the job, she said. Management then brought back the successful manager and the number of violations has been substantially reduced.

Frederic Brinn, senior vice president of the Empirian Village management company, told council that there will be no capital improvements or upgrades until the economic situation improves.

**What's Next**

Mayor Judith Davis, in scheduling the next worksession, told the executives, "The ball is in your court. You have told us what you are going to do. We will come back in June and look at the number of complaints."

## Peace Writing Contest Announced

All Maryland middle school students are invited to enter a statewide writing contest focusing on the themes of peace and social justice.

The contest, which is sponsored by Anne Arundel Peace Action, the Maryland Peace Action Education Fund and the Benjamin Peace Foundation, is open to all 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in public or private schools in Maryland and to home-schooled students corresponding to the same grade levels.

Four cash prizes will be awarded: \$350 for first place, \$250 for second place, \$150 for third place and \$100 for fourth place. The winners will be honored at a special ceremony (attendance is not required to receive an award).

To enter students must submit an entry of up to 1,200 words on this topic: "There is a bumper sticker that reads, 'If you want peace, work for justice [fairness].' Discuss how working for fairness helps to bring about peace in a school, the community, the nation and the world. Give examples."

Entries must be accompanied by a separate cover sheet including the student's name, address and phone number or e-mail address; school's name, address and phone number; and the name of the teacher sponsor if applicable.

Entries and accompanying materials must be postmarked no later than June 1 and mailed to Fred B. Benjamin Peace Writing contest, 310 Riverview Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403-3328. For more information call 410-263-7409 or email [mjkeller@att.net](mailto:mjkeller@att.net).

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the clothes they were wearing. After they called 911, the fire department came to turn off the electrical power.

Around midnight, Cevik said, an apartment staff person offered to put the family in a hotel for the night. Their child had already been upset by the events of the evening and the parents felt the disruption of moving to a hotel would be even more disturbing to him. They found a dry space in a bedroom instead in which to sleep and comfort their son.

Cevik went on to describe a struggle with rodents which spread to her unit from neighboring vacant units. In a rare moment of levity in an emotional presentation, she invited the executives to spend a weekend in one of the vacant units so they could understand what the residents experience.

**Management Failure**

In her written statement, Cevik indicates she believes Empirian Village management ceased to do appropriate scheduled maintenance last year. Property management fails to communicate with residents. Litter only seems to be picked up when there is a visit from corporate management. Outside contractors hired by Empirian Village have even whispered to her that she should call City of Greenbelt inspectors as the only way to get repairs or pest control.

Cevik writes that the crisis-oriented maintenance policies result in high maintenance costs, high tenant turnover and a fragmented community. After seven years, her family will join that tenant turnover. "We love the Greenbelt community. We have done everything to try and stay here. But this is too much. We can't live under these conditions any longer."

**Other Tenants Speak**

Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board member Brian Gibbons has lived in Empirian Village for nine years and "by and large it has been okay but not great." He told the meeting that Empirian Village is a good place to live with pleasant people [his neighbors] who want to do things to improve the community. He feels the maintenance issues in the "fatigued" buildings are not so much a matter of resources but a failure of leadership by the management.

Willie Stewart has been a leader in the Greenbelt West Citizens Association who will leave for military duty in Iraq in June. He described his strategy for getting repairs in his unit and neighborhood. He calls maintenance, waits a couple of days with no response and then calls Greenbelt code enforcement. That process usually gets results, he said. Addressing the Empirian Village managers, Stewart told them that if they didn't keep the property properly maintained they can't expect the tenants to respect the property either.

Mary Babbitt told management and the city council, "I am ashamed to live at Empirian Village," describing disrespect, cancelled appointments and standing water and debris in the laundry rooms. During the major electrical power outage in December, she was without electricity, heat and hot water from Friday evening until Monday, when management offered her a hotel room.

David Abraham complained that the rental rate advertised on Craigslist by Empirian Village was not available when he rented his apartment. He said the misleading rental rate is still posted on Craigslist.

**Management**

The Empirian Village representatives sat facing city councilmembers with their backs to the audience of tenants and others. Corporate Vice President Brinn did not look at Cevik as she described her experiences. Property Manager Thames turned partially around to hear better but did not look her in the face.

Several times during the meeting members of the city council made suggestions and Brinn responded, "We'll take it under advisement." At one point, an exasperated Mayor Judith Davis interjected, "We don't want to hear 'under advisement'; we want to see someone writing it down."

When Councilmember Konrad Herling asked if there could be more recycling stations, Brinn said that their tenants didn't do recycling. Herling suggested that the management help get the News Review out to their residents. "It's the glue that holds the community together," he said. Brinn responded, "Why can't the News Review be mailed?"

Under questioning from councilmembers, Empirian Village management representatives would not divulge the number of maintenance employees at the complex. Brinn answered Councilmember Rodney Roberts' question with, "We staff to what we feel is adequate." Roberts noted that cleanliness in the public hallways at Empirian Village is much less than at other complexes. Brinn responded, "I beg to differ."

Michael Arrington, government relations consultant for Empirian Village, complained, "We can't solve issues in a public hearing that we haven't heard about until now." The mayor interrupted him, "Wait a minute, someone in your organization has heard about it." Tenant Abraham told property manager Thames that she hadn't heard these complaints because she is very well buffered by her staff.

Mayor Davis announced that council did not want to wait another year for the next stakeholders' meeting on Empirian Village but would schedule a worksession in June.

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Florida Red Ripe Strawberries	<b>\$2<sup>00</sup></b> 1 lb.
California Jumbo Navel Oranges each	<b>80¢</b>
Fresh Crop Red or Yellow Potatoes	<b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b> 5 lb.

Shurfine Shank Portion Smoked Ham		99¢ lb.	
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Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Chuck Roast		\$2.49 lb.	
Shurfine Whole Smoked Boneless Hams		\$1.69 lb.	
Fresh Value Pack Boneless New York Strip Steaks		\$5.99 lb.	
Gusto Spiral Sliced Half Hams		\$1.49 lb.	

<b>Dairy</b> Land-O-Lakes Pure Butter Quarters 1 lb. <b>\$2<sup>00</sup></b> Kraft Cracker Barrel Cheese Chunks Assorted 7-10 oz. <b>\$2<sup>50</sup></b>		CO-OP Will Be <b>OPEN</b> EASTER SUNDAY 10am til 4pm 	<b>Frozen</b> Birds Eye Assorted Vegetables Select Varieties 8-16 oz. <b>\$1<sup>00</sup></b> Turkey Hill Ice Cream Assorted 1.5 qt. <b>\$2<sup>50</sup></b>	
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**Attempted Murder**  
March 12, 2:42 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Someone with a handgun approached and fired the gun at another person, who was not injured. The person with the gun fled on foot. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Criminal Investigations Unit at 240-542-2133.

**Robbery**  
March 15, 5:52 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. A person was approached by a man who demanded the person's property. The robber is described as a black male, 17 to 24 years old, 6'0" to 6'2" tall, wearing a black North Face jacket, white hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans.

**Reckless Endangerment**  
March 16, 11:29 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. An unknown person fired a handgun several times into the air. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Criminal Investigations Unit at 240-542-2133.

**Stolen Vehicle Arrest**  
March 17, 9:21 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A juvenile resident was petitioned for motor vehicle theft after attempting to elude police on a stolen mini-bike. The juvenile was released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

**Drug Arrests**  
March 17, 9:35 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Two nonresidents, a 24-year-old male and a 23-year-old female, were arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana and possession of marijuana. They were transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

March 18, 3:07 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A 19-year-old nonresident male was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana in a school zone and possession of marijuana. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. A juvenile resident was petitioned for the same charges and released to the Department of Juvenile Services.

March 18, 6:15 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A 22-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

**DUI/DWI**  
March 14, 8:44 p.m., Crescent Road at Lastner Lane. A 29-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated by alcohol and driving under the influence of

alcohol after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

**Disorderly Conduct**  
March 13, 2:21 a.m., 7600 block Hanover Drive. A 29-year-old nonresident male was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on citation pending trial.

**Burglaries**  
March 12, 7:29 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A backpack, hat, Playstation 3, video games and currency were taken.  
March 12, 12:30 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A television was taken.

**Trespassing**  
March 18, 10:09 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. Two 20-year-old nonresident males were arrested and charged with trespassing on posted property. They were released on citation pending trial.

**Vandalism**  
March 14, 9:30 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A window was broken.

March 15, 2:17 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A sliding glass door was broken.

March 18, 11:46 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Lane. A door knob was damaged.

**Vehicle Crimes**  
Three stolen vehicles were recovered. A blue 2004 Nissan Maxima with FL tags reported stolen to the Hyattsville City Police was recovered March 16 in the 7600 block Greenbelt Road with no arrests made. A yellow 2008 Ford truck with IL tags reported stolen to the Prince George's County Police was recovered March 18 in the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. No arrests were made. A black 2010 Subaru Outback with MD tags reported stolen to the Montgomery County Police was recovered March 18 at Greenbelt Road at Mandan Road. No arrests were made.

A set of tags stolen from the 9100 block Edmonston Road were recovered by Arlington County Police, VA with no arrests made.

Two reports of thefts from auto were made on March 16 in the 7800 block Hanover Parkway (set of VA temporary tags) and on March 17 in the 6200 block Springhill Drive (ladder and tools).

Five acts of vandalism were reported. 6100 block Springhill Terrace (car windshield was broken), 9300 block Edmonston Road (car window was broken and the door was dented), 9100 block Edmonston Road (car windows were broken), Greenbelt Metro Drive (two tires were cut), 6200 block Breezewood Drive (car window was broken).

## Avoid Identity Theft Using Police Tips

The Greenbelt Police Department reminds residents to protect themselves from identity theft. Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in America, affecting half a million new victims each year. To protect themselves, residents can take the following actions:

- Do not give out personal information over the phone, through the mail or over the Internet, unless sure who is receiving the information.
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- Shred all documents, including pre-approved credit applications, insurance forms, bank checks and other financial information.
- Minimize the identification information and the number of cards carried. Only take what is actually needed for any particular occasion.
- Pay attention to billing cycles and check statements often for fraudulent charges. If a bill is missing, it may indicate identity theft and that a thief has changed the address on the account.
- Order a credit report at least twice a year. Reports should be obtained from all three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. One free credit report per year can be ordered at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or by phone at 1-877-322-8228. Credit reporting companies are required to provide the annual free credit report by the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

## Refuge Puppet Show On Brown Bats

Two performances of a puppet show for children of all ages – Who's Afraid of the Little Brown Bat? – will be presented at the National Wildlife Visitor Center of the Patuxent Research Refuge on Tuesday, March 30 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The show, which conveys a message about why not to be afraid and demonstrates the important role bats play in the environment, is free with no pre-registration required.

The Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197. For more information call 301-497-5887.

## Make Paper Planes To Fly in Derby

The College Park Aviation Museum will hold Paper Airplane Derby Day on Friday, April 2 from noon to 4 p.m.

Supplies and patterns will be provided free with regular museum admission. Museum staff will provide assistance.

The day will end with a Paper Airplane Derby at 3 p.m. Prizes will be awarded.



## Another Empirian Village Fire



Over a dozen families were displaced Monday night March 22 by fire in the 6200 block of Breezewood Drive at Empirian Village. According to County Fire Dept. PIO Mark Brady, the fire started around 9 p.m. in a kitchen/living room on the second floor of the three story building. Firefighters brought the fire under control in about 15 minutes with no extension to the upper floors of the building and have determined the cause of the fire was unattended cooking on a stove. No one was injured; the fire loss damage is estimated at \$30,000.



PHOTOS BY JIM DAVIS

## Arboretum Holds Plant Sale

The U.S. National Arboretum will hold a native plant sale on Saturday, March 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Streamline spring plant shopping by coming to the Friends of the National Arboretum Native Plant Sale. Several regional nurseries offer an extensive selection of native plants and growers will be on hand to share garden information. Admission is free.

## CPAE Crafts, Egg Hunt on March 27

The College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) will sponsor children's crafts at the annual College Park Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. to noon. This free activity, suitable for children of all ages, will be held at the Youth and Family Services Center, 4912 Nantucket (near the corner of Edgewood and Rhode Island Avenue).



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A Review

“Man of LaMancha” at GAC Is Perfect

by Carol Griffith

When I attended Greenbelt Junior High (now Greenbelt Middle School) those students studying Spanish, of which I was one, were given the opportunity to see a production of “Man of La Mancha” downtown at the National Theater. I was awestruck by the scenery, music and acting.

I was hardly less awestruck by the current production of “Man of La Mancha” at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC). It’s an exceptional show, even by GAC’s high standards.

“Man of La Mancha” is one of the most popular and enduring musicals of all time. Many of its songs have become part of our culture and the themes of idealism and searching for truth are timeless.

The story is presented in a play-within-a-play theme. Miguel de Cervantes (actual author of the Spanish novel “The Ingenious Hidalgo Don Quixote of La Mancha,” written in the early 1600s) is presented here as a tax collector thrown into prison by the Spanish Inquisition for foreclosing on a church. Together with his manservant Sancho, they are sent to the prison for thieves and other petty criminals with all their earthly belongings. The inmates conduct a mock trial in which Cervantes and Sancho must earn

the right to keep their possessions. Cervantes decides to act out his then-unfinished novel as proof of his talent and enlists other prisoners to take roles in “Don Quixote.”

The acting and vocal performances are all flawless. Michael Galizia is a perfect Don Quixote/Cervantes in every way. He has an impressive resume including opera and musical theater work both here in Maryland and Hawaii. Gerron Jordan as Sancho also gives a great performance. Carmel Ferrer (a distant cousin of the famous Jose Ferrer) is the prostitute Aldonza in whom Don Quixote finds his perfect lady, Dulcinea. The role is probably the most emotionally intense, requiring a tough exterior and inner softness as she realizes that she does possess the qualities that Don Quixote so idealistically sees in her and Ferrer carries it beautifully. Christa Kronser’s wonderful voice and Stephen Yednock’s delightful blend of singing and physical comedy are welcome returns to GAC.

The News Review’s own Helen Sydavar is in the ensemble and provides a haunting viola solo prelude.

The scenery is an artistic and engineering marvel. Fire and a well in the prison and the trap door entrance must be seen to be appreciated.

A 14-person orchestra pro-

vides the wonderful music, without so much as one wrong note in the two-hour production. Excellent choreography and costuming round out director Curt Somers’ attention to every detail of the production and create a wonderful evening or afternoon of music and entertainment.

A few caveats: Patrons must walk through the set to reach their seats and “prisoners” are seated and lying on the floor. Because of the large size of the set, there is seating only in the rear of the theater and there are several levels of seating. There are no handrails to assist in reaching the top risers so if this is a problem, request accessible seating when making the reservation. Some of the scenes take place on the side of the set, so a seat near the wall will afford a full view. There is a scene in which a woman is beaten which may be disturbing to children and young teens.

“Man of La Mancha” will play on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of March 26 and 27; April 1, 2 and 3; and 8, 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. Two Sunday matinees are scheduled: March 28 and April 4 at 3 p.m. Reservations may be made through the box office at 301-441-8770 or at the Arts Center at 123 Centerway, located beneath the Co-op supermarket.



Don Quixote (played by Michael Galizia, right) mistakes a barber’s (played by Stephen Yednock) bowl for a golden helmet in GAC’s production of “Man of LaMancha.”



Left, Don Quixote (played by Michael Galizia, right) and his manservant Sancho (played by Gerron Jordan) mistake windmills for a monster.

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In honor of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, Fischer, who lived and taught English in Japan, will show a photo travelogue of that country (including cherry blossom photos in Kyoto).

The program is free but pre-registration is required; visit [www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov) or call 202-225-1116 to register.

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The North American stones on exhibit are from private collections of the members of the Potomac Viewing Stone Group. Join members on Sunday, March 28 at 1 p.m. for a free informal tour of the exhibit.

### Baroque Concert Sun. At National Gallery

The Chatham Baroque and Stanford Chamber Chorale will perform music by Johann Sebastian Bach on Sunday, March 28 at the National Gallery of Art's West Garden Court (West Building). There will be a talk entitled "The Passion in Art and Music" at 6 p.m. in the West Building Lecture Hall with the concert following at 6:30.

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A Review

# Greenbelt Youth Musical Showcases Veteran Group

by Virginia Beauchamp

Two youth musicals – “Just Pretend” and “Hidden Lands” by siblings Mark and Christopher Cherry respectively – offered challenging opportunities for song and dance for a well-practiced and talented group of Greenbelt young people at performances on Saturday night and a Sunday matinee, March 13 and 14, at the Greenbelt Community Center.

In scenes ranging from a pirate ship to Transylvanian woods to a tropical island or maybe just a school room, the well-rehearsed youngsters sang and danced through musical numbers in the two works to original tunes by the Cherry brothers and performed with verve by Stefan Brodd on the piano.

Chris Cherry is, of course, the long-time coordinator of performing arts for the City of Greenbelt and the well-known originator of earlier song and dance extravaganzas. Mark, his brother, is artist-in-residence for musical theatre at Manhattanville College in Purchase,

New York. His work was co-authored by a colleague there.

With a temporary stage built out on the floor but with occasional use of the permanent stage front, the group of performers, in changing and active sequences, sang and danced, ran or stood still as the rapidly moving story lines of the two works required.

Throughout the performances, everything in the way of scene and place was there only in words and song. Luckily the young thespians were up to the task of taking us there.

In both works Liana Ventimiglia held particularly challenging and varied singing roles, which she carried off with authority. In “Just Pretend” she was Ethel Mermaid, under a long, golden, curly wig, who held her own among a company of pirates.

Later, in a scene in the woods of Transylvania, she played an imperious and apparently crippled baroness. In “Hidden Lands,” on the other hand, she was a pleasant

and authoritative school teacher.

**Full Trunk**

At the rear of the stage for the first play was a large trunk from which a wide variety of props – musical instruments of the pick-up, percussion variety or hats or scarves as needed, for example, could be pulled out. On the other hand, a major prop – a handful of balloons held by a small and mute Jonas Ventimiglia – had to be imagined.

Among the group were several appealing and obviously well-practiced singers, like Scott Kincaid, Alex Butcher, Johlyze McNeil and Alma Knutson. All sang with assurance and easy grace.

From time to time a large group of young persons also made an engaging chorus – in one scene as a group of “jeunes filles” – that’s young girls – in Paris; in another as a tribe of gypsies; in still a third as tropical islanders.

A 15-minute intermission separated the performances of the two plays.



King Gustav and Madame Myra think that Sofia is a good match for young Gregor in Just Pretend. Left to right: Scott Kincaid, Alex Butcher, Sofia Zocca and Aaron Goldstein.



Captain Jolly Roger and his pirate crew sing “Make a Wish” with Ethel Mermaid, Queen of the High C’s, in Just Pretend. Left to right: Jonas Ventimiglia, Aaron Goldstein, Abram Shaw, Liana Ventimiglia, Scott Kincaid and Ron Ebisawa.

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## Three Sisters Garden Project First Event Is on Sunday

The first food and fun event for the Three Sisters Garden Project will be held on Sunday, March 28 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Room 114 at the Greenbelt Community Center.

People are asked to bring a simple potluck dish to share.

The potluck will be followed by a demonstration of square foot gardening and a groundbreaking for the first Greenbelt Three Sisters Diversity Circle Demonstration Gardens Project behind the Greenbelt Community Center.

This is a volunteer opportunity to help plan and implement the Three Sisters Garden Project, whose purpose is to establish diverse co-learning demonstration gardens on public lands in each of the three areas of Greenbelt (center, west and east). Volunteer expert and wannabee gardeners and artists of all ages are needed for the project.

**Garden Locations**

The Greenbelt City Council has approved space on city property to be set aside for



three demonstration gardens (located behind the Community Center, behind Springhill Lake Recreation Center and in Schrom Hills Park). Their success will depend upon how much interest there is in creating and maintaining the gardens. Everyone is invited to join the organizers for all or part of a lively afternoon to help make this happen – bring ideas and plan to leave with dirty hands from gardening. The project seeks to put hands to work throughout Greenbelt to create gardens for all to share.

The Three Sisters Garden Project is sponsored by the Chesapeake Education Arts Research Society (CHEARS) and Transition Towns Greenbelt with support from the City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Community Foundation. CHEARS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the health of all who live in the Chesapeake watershed.

For more information email [Maggie@chears.org](mailto:Maggie@chears.org).



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